

General Membership Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2019

Vice-president Marge Ford called the meeting to order at 11:45 A.M. There were 25 in attendance; 2 new members. Marge welcomed all. The following business was conducted:

Secretary's Report: Minutes from March meeting, recorded by Acting Secretary, Anita Jenkins were read and approved.

President's Report: No President's report was given, but a report ON the president was. Marge and Len updated the membership on Jane Ann's condition. She is in great spirits and is being treated like royalty by her sister and brother-in-law in SC. According to Len, the length of her recuperation time is yet to be determined. Jane Ann is hoping for a return to Fort Myers by September.

Treasurer's Report: Len reported a balance of \$51,933 as of March 4, 2019. He itemized income and administrative costs, including expenditures of \$1,728 for the annual subscription of Book Page and a Reading Festival balance of \$1,026.89 after authors' fares were paid. (We had agreed to give \$5,000 for author's travel.) He also noted \$1,888.75 sold in the Nook along with \$231 worth of coffee! As of April 1, 2019, the reported balance is \$50,408.27. Len noted our next expenditure will be for the Summer Reading Program.

Library Report: Carrie reported the following:

Staffing: Heath Callahan joined Lakes on March 14th as the new part-time page. John Strickling resigned on March 18th. Interviews for John's position have been conducted and a new page will hopefully start next month.

Circulation: March circulation was 85,519, with a YTD circulation of 289,920 (10,000 more than her report to the Board on Monday!) Cardholders number 45,526 with 424 new cards issued in March.

Building: No report.

Requests: Carrie requested funds for the Summer Reading Program to promote literacy and love of reading. She has also requested funds for new, "easier to set-up and take-down tables"! Finalized request amounts are not yet available.

Committee Reports:

Nook arrangements: Anita thanked all for the many donations. She has been able to stash some books for the Book Sale and for summer stocking of shelves.

Display Case: Lucy was absent. No report given, but check out the tribute to Frank Sinatra currently in the case. Tea tins will be featured in May.

Lunch: Marge announced that lunches were delivered. She thanked her angel, Marianne, for helping her out and agreeing to take care of lunches next month. Side note: Rumor has it, a Mother's Day card to Marianne from Marge's son is in the future!

Membership: Jeanette reported, as of April 8th we have 233 total members: 24 Lifetime members, 209 members. Email addresses have been added and updated for those returning to a summer address

Program: Cindy thanked our substitute author for being there. She assured us of an afternoon of interesting Fort Myers history. More history is in store for us in May when DL Havlin speaks on Florida-the Forgotten Years.

Please continue to connect with Cindy if you hear of a local author who would be enjoyable for our membership.

Publicity: Ginny was absent, but she continues to contact her sources for all of our events.

Volunteers: In Jane Ann's absence Liz has agreed to fill-in for her in coordinating the volunteers for the Nook. Liz stated she misses Jane Ann! At this point Liz thinks all volunteers are scheduled and she thanks them for their help and patience while she tried to pull things together. Three new volunteers have been trained and are eager to get started.

Website: Mary was absent, but continues to monitor our website and FB page.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business: None at this time, but Marge wished all the FOL Snowbirds safe travels.

Marge did inform members that Jane Ann's address was available at the membership table if anyone was interested.

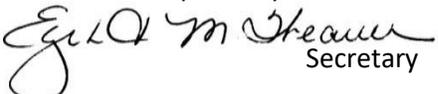
Carrie encouraged Snowbirds to avail themselves of the *Donated not Wasted* boxes in the library.

Unopened, non-perishable foods are welcome! As you clean your cupboards think of those at the food pantry who would be helped with *your* pantry items.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2019 at 11:45 A.M.

The meeting closed at 12:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary